

ESTABLISHED 1861.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA. THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1911.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

FIRING UPON OUR TROOPS ALONG BORDER REPORTED

By Mexicans But No Word
Reaches Washington
About It.

FOUR SHOT TO DEATH

By Order of Mexican Gov-
ernment for Acting
with Rebels.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 23.—No word has yet reached the state or war departments in regard to reported firing upon American troops along the border.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 23.—John Hamilton Dignowitty, well known here, and three other Americans were shot to death today under an order of the Mexican court martial for participation in the insurrection, according to a despatch received today by members of the Dignowitty family. General Smith's brigade resumed its trip to Leon Springs today.

PRESIDIO, Mex., Mar. 23.—Shortly after the crossing of supplies from Presidio intended for the Mexican troops besieged in Ojinaga, directly across the Rio Grande, had been stopped yesterday, bullets from federal rifles fell among the detachment of United States troops guarding the American side of the river. An explanation has been demanded of general Luque, in command of the Mexican troops.

NEVER SAW TRAIN

Mother and Children from
Braxton County Find
Homes in Fairmont.

FAIRMONT, Mar. 23.—A mother and five children who arrived here last evening from Braxton county in care of George E. Brand, local agent of the humane society, never saw a railroad engine or train until they boarded one to make the trip to Fairmont. The older boys will be placed in homes in this section and the mother and smaller children will reside with relatives in Winfield district.

DIVORCES

Granted to Three Hancock
County Wives by Judge
Hervey.

NEW CUMBERLAND, W. Va., Mar. 23.—Three women who had given their word to "love, honor and obey" have been made free.
Emma C. Hare declared she had been abandoned, and there was no defense. She got her decree.
Iva May Pickering, of Newell, also declared she had been deserted, and she also won her freedom. This was the first divorce case to be entered from the new pottery town.
Ada Morris, of Kenilworth, claimed she was deserted by Walter Morris and asked for her freedom, which was granted.
Judge Hervey has ordered a new venire of twelve jurors to fill vacancies, caused by jurors being excused on account of illness.

BUSINESS SUSPENDS

In Denver During the Funeral
of Moffatt, a Railroad
Builder.

DENVER, Colo., March 23.—There will be an almost complete cessation of business in Denver for a time this afternoon during the funeral of David H. Moffatt, a Colorado railroad builder, who died Saturday. Every street car and all railroad trains will stop and every power house in the city will close down. All the banks, practically all the business houses and railroad offices will close at least part of the afternoon.

CHILD DIES.

Nichols, aged 10 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wachter, of the East End, died Wednesday night at midnight of pneumonia fever. The body of the little one was taken to Pittsburg this morning for funeral and burial.

Keeper of Mexico's Purse Is Man of Varied Attainments



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JOSE YVES LIMANTOUR, the minister of finance for the republic of Mexico, is a man of varied attainments and of much strength of character. He comes of an old and wealthy Mexican family and has been President Diaz's financial manager for nearly twenty years. His father and Diaz were long time friends, and as a boy Limantour knew and admired Diaz. He did not enter the government service until he was thirty-five—he is fifty-seven now—though he had previously been an alderman of the City of Mexico and had been in the Mexican congress. After serving for a time as assistant minister of finance, really doing the work of his superior, who had been instructed to give the younger man a chance to show his metal, he became the actual financial head of the nation and set resolutely about solving its monetary problems. Within two years he had ended the deficit that had been a yearly problem in Mexico. Within a few years he had raised the credit of the nation and had gained for it the confidence and respect of financiers all over the globe. Eight years ago it was reported that President Diaz was preparing to retire and would make Limantour his successor. It was said that the plan was for Diaz to stand behind his successor until the country was reconciled to the change and the possibility of a revolution was averted. For some reason this plan was not carried out. Minister Limantour is a great lover of flowers and is a practical horticulturist. He is also a lover of music and is a skilled performer on the piano. He is affable, but dignified, and speaks English perfectly and without the gestures common with Latin Americans. The photograph reproduced above was taken in New York a few days ago, and Senor Limantour personally expressed his approval of the likeness.

SOUTHERN FIREMEN MAY GO ON A STRIKE

Brotherhood Officers Are Re-
ported as Requesting
Them to Do So.

CINCINNATI, O., Mar. 23.—The Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific strike situation appeared today to be in about the same state as yesterday.
It is rumored that the officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers who are at Oakdale, Tenn., are negotiating with the firemen of the entire Southern railroad system with a view to a sympathetic strike.

DEATH FOR TWO

In Feud at Tazewell, Va.—All
of the Participants in Bat-
tle Were Relatives.

BLUEFIELD, Mar. 23.—A feud resulting from a land deal made years ago, caused the death of Luther Hows and Robert Lester, and the fatal wounding of Henry Lester, today at Tazewell, Va. Ben Lester, who was with his father, Henry Lester, when the fight started, is held for the murder of both men. All the participants are relatives.

RECORD MADE

By an Aviator When He Car-
ries Eleven Passengers
Two Miles.

DOULAI, France, Mar. 23.—Aviator Louis Breguet made a record performance today when he carried eleven passengers in his monoplane a distance of two miles.

SPECIAL

For Delegates to International
Sunday School Convention
Will Leave June 12.

The West Virginia special for California and the International Sunday School convention in San Francisco, leaves Wheeling, June 12 and the route traveled will take in Chicago, Omaha, Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, through the Royal Gorge to Glenwood Springs, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, and up the Pacific coast to San Francisco. The train will stop enroute for sight-seeing and the return trip may be made over any route, stopping as often as may be desired.

The party will go over the B. & O. as far as Chicago, from which place they will go over the Chicago & Northwestern to Denver. From that city they will go over the Denver & Rio Grande as far as Salt Lake City and the Southern Pacific will be taken for the rest of the route. The return limit is ninety days. Delegates to the Sunday school convention may remain for the Christian church convention and the American Medical Association. The full particulars regarding the trip can be obtained from Secretary A. T. Arnold, of the West Virginia Sunday School Association.

THREE ARE JAILED.

A woman charged with vagrancy was before Mayor Frank R. Moore this morning. He sent her back to jail. Two men who could not pay their fines for drunkenness were also sent to jail by the mayor.

BIG PROJECT

New York Subsidiary Line to
Be Extended to Con-
nection with M. & K.

MORGANTOWN, Mar. 23.—It is alleged here that the true reason of the visit to Fairmont, Morgantown and Grafton of the general superintendent of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad (a New York Central line) was to arrange for the extension of the P. & L. E. to a connection with the Morgantown & Kingwood railroad, independent of the building of the Buckhannon & Northern line by the P. & L. E., Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio.
It is said to be the intention of the P. & L. E. to build along the east bank of the Monongahela from Point Marion, Pa., to the mouth of the Cheat, and thence up the valley to a connection with the M. & K., which would give an eastern outlet and develop vast holdings of Virginia coal territory along both rivers, most of which is controlled by the Elkins people.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of West Virginia Educational
Association to Be Held in
Bluefield in June.

The annual meeting of the West Virginia Educational Association will be held in Bluefield June 14, 15 and 16, and the session will, no doubt, be a very interesting one.
The present officers of the association are: President, Hon. M. P. Hawkey, of Charleston, state superintendent of schools; vice president, C. S. Brilles, principal of the Wheeling High school; treasurer, I. B. Bush, superintendent of the Hinton schools; member of executive committee, T. J. Humphrey, superintendent of the Grafton schools. The report of last year's session contains a list of all the members of the association, which includes a number of educators from this section of the state.

ROWANA SENTENCED

Judge Maxwell Gives Second
Degree Murderer Ten
Years Term.

Pete Rowana was found guilty Wednesday evening in the criminal court of second degree murder for killing John Juliana with a gun at Viropa January 8 last. Sentence was not pronounced. The maximum penalty for a crime like this is eighteen years imprisonment in the state penitentiary.
Judge Maxwell gave him a term of ten years Thursday morning.

TWO GUILTY

According to Verdicts Re-
turned in the Criminal
Court Today.

At press hour Thursday an argument was being made in the criminal court on a motion of the defense to exclude the evidence in the case of the state against Emil Trevoit, charged with violating the game laws.
Sam Riddle was found guilty of selling bevo at Dola. A motion to set the verdict aside and grant a new trial will be argued Saturday.
David Moore was found guilty of carrying a revolver unlawfully.
A rule was issued against T. J. Flowers for failing to attend as a witness in the case against Sam Riddle. It was made returnable Saturday.

BLOODHOUNDS

Are Taken to Scene of Post-
office Robbery to Run
Robbers Down.

COLUMBUS, O., March 23.—Bloodhounds were taken to Gahanna today to attempt to trace five robbers, who early today dynamited a postoffice safe and secured a small amount of money and stamps. No trace of blood was seen today and it is not thought that any of the robbers were wounded in a battle last night.

DAWSON QUALIFIES.

Calvin O. Dawson has qualified as administrator of the personal estate of Susan Romine, deceased, with bond at \$500 and Rosa V. Dawson surety.

TELEPHONE MEN HERE

In Fifth Annual State Con-
vention of the Inde-
pendents.

PRESIDENT BARNES

Gives Echoes of the National
Convention—Smoker
Tonight.

One hundred delegates or more are in attendance at the fifth annual convention of the West Virginia Independent Telephone Association, which began Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the assembly room of the Waldo hotel. Several prominent speakers were on the program, and the beginning session was marked by interest and enthusiasm.

Register of Delegates.

The following names were placed on the register of the convention just before the opening of the afternoon session:

A. B. Crawford, Rochester, N. Y.; U. C. Freeman, Rochester, N. Y.; J. W. Smyth, Pittsburgh, Pa.; W. C. Hardlan, Wheeling; R. M. Datzell, Wheeling; Claude H. Layman, Fairmont; Lander Moore, Blacksville; L. L. Long, Mt. Morris, Pa.; Harry Runner, Morgantown; E. T. Moore, Pt. Marion, Pa.; D. G. Beavers, Kingwood; I. A. Darnall, Buckhannon; James Knight, Fairmont; S. L. Gracey, Marietta, O.; George R. Barnes, Fairmont; J. Walter Barnes, Fairmont; C. W. Murphy, Columbus, O.; W. E. Clark Amesville, O.; H. H. Henry, Point Pleasant; J. W. Beatty, Mannington; J. E. Fisher, Chicago; H. R. Pope, Ellyria, O.; B. Woodbury, Columbus, O.; T. J. Martin, Parkersburg; Howard F. Martin, Parkersburg; Samuel W. Harper, Wheeling; A. H. Doudna, Wheeling; D. C. Coplin, Boothsville; C. Phillip Hill, Pittsburgh; W. K. Barnes, Fairmont; W. D. Shaler, Pittsburgh; B. E. Bullman, Marietta, O.; James F. Handlan, Wheeling; George E. Rogers, city; George W. Lockall, Greenwood; F. N. Pierce, Cincinnati, O.; Howard Deck, Greenwood; F. H. McDowell, Pittsburgh; George Fletcher, city; F. L. Smith, city; F. A. Downey, Mannington; W. E. Hartley, Boothsville; B. Rittenhouse, city; E. L. Robinson, Richwood; O. B. Austin, Parkersburg.

Smoker Tonight.

A smoker will be held in the Waldo hotel tonight at 9 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The convention was called to order by the president, J. Walter Barnes, of Fairmont, who introduced Mayor Frank R. Moore of this city, to the convention.

Mr. Moore made a short speech of welcome, in which he congratulated the convention upon the selection of this city as a meeting place. The president, Mr. Barnes, responded.

The minutes of the preceding convention, held May 27, 1909, were read by the secretary, R. M. Datzell, and adopted.

Electrical Firms Represented.

Representatives from a number of leading telephone and electrical supply companies were also in attendance, and had on exhibition specimens of their apparatus. Among the companies represented are the Kellogg Switchboard and Supply Company, of Chicago, Ill.; Automatic Electric Company, of Chicago, Ill.; Doubleday Hill Electric Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; National Carbon Company, of Cleveland, O.; Stromberger-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Company, of Rochester, N. Y.; Dean Electric Company, of Ellyria, O.; and the Erner and Hopkins Company, of Columbus, O. Mine telephone equipment, signal equipment, and generator, coil telephone apparatus, and a system of intercommunicating telephones are among the interesting apparatus on display.

Will Visit Carbon Works.
The delegates will leave the Waldo Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on a special car to visit points of interest in the city, after which the car will go to Grassell for a tour of inspection through the local plant of the National Carbon works.

In addition to the program of the afternoon, the following is to be carried out tonight and tomorrow:

C. L. Jones, of Athens, O., read a paper on the subject, "The Ohio Situation," in which he discussed telephone conditions in Ohio and the nature and effect of the Yankee bill, which had been presented to the legislature, proposing the establishment of a commission to regulate telephones.
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BIG NEGRO CHOKES BLUEFIELD LADY

NEW OVERSEER

Nathan M. Jones Resigns and
J. D. Wilkinson is
Appointed.

Commissioner Charles Post did not attend the sessions of the county court Thursday.

Nathan M. Jones's resignation as overseer of the poor in Simpson district was accepted and J. D. Wilkinson was appointed to succeed him.

W. T. Merriman was granted a honorary certificate.

A. H. Booth qualified as committee for John Cawley giving bond of \$1,000. W. G. H. Crawford, C. E. Davidson, T. M. Corbin, D. W. Cork and L. F. Maxwell were appointed appraisers of the Cawley property.

CONTRACT

For the Erection of Bank
Building at Oakland
is to Be Let.

Architect E. C. S. Holmboe left today for Oakland and Frostburg, Md. At Oakland he will let the contract for the construction of the Garrett National Bank building. It is likely the contract will be awarded to Holbert and Spedden, of Fairmont. At Frostburg he will arrange for the erection of the Stanton opera house and look after the First National Bank building, which is under headway.

SENT HOME

Are State Soldiers from the
Scene of the Miners'
Strike.

CHILLESPIE, Ill., March 23.—A detachment of ten companies of the Illinois National Guard sent to Benard Tuesday on account of the miners' strike, returned to their homes today. The miners have not returned to work.

COMPROMISE MADE BETWEEN FACTIONS

CHANGES

Are to Be Made in the
Wheeling and Ohio
Divisions.

It is learned that, effective March 31, there will be important changes in the territory comprised respectively in the Wheeling and Ohio River divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

That part of the Ohio River division between Wheeling and New Martinsville, and the Short Line between New Martinsville and Clarksburg, will be taken over by the Wheeling division. Heretofore they have been operated under the direction of the Ohio River division officials.

It is said that the recent practice of diverting west bound coal shipments from the Fairmont and Clarksburg field by way of the Short Line to New Martinsville and the Ohio River division to the main line at Benwood Junction, has made it necessary to make the changes above outlined.

SETTLEMENT

Is Effected Between an In-
jured Man and the Rock
Springs Company.

CHESTER, W. Va., Mar. 23.—During a conference here a settlement was reached between the Rock Springs Company and Jesse Holman, who sued the company for \$25,000 damages. Holman is from Youngstown, and went to the "House of Commons" at the park last summer. He said he sustained serious injuries. A settlement for \$300 was made.

In the Office of Brokers and
Demands Money from
Her.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., March 23.—Daring in the extreme was a robbery committed in the office of Lacy Brothers, brokers, on Bluefield avenue when a big, burly negro went into the inner office unannounced and demanded that the stenographer, Miss Roxie Hogue Bruce, give him her money and that of the firm of Lacy Brothers. Miss Bruce was, of course, greatly frightened, but retained her presence of mind sufficiently to explain to the negro that the firm did not keep any money about the office.

The negro, who by this time had walked around to the side of the desk at which Miss Bruce was operating a typewriter, saw her pocketbook lying on the desk. He seized it and started to go through the purse when Miss Bruce seized the telephone and called the residence of her uncle, Dr. E. H. Thompson, telling Mrs. Thompson what was occurring. When the negro saw that Miss Bruce was trying to spread an alarm he seized her about the throat with his heavy hands while she, frightened and fearful, nearly fainted with terror.

While Miss Bruce was trying to free her throat from the hands of the negro he saw a plain gold band ring on her finger and releasing his hold on her throat grappled with her and finally succeeded in tearing the ring from her finger and then made an attempt to take her bracelet, but the young lady was able to push the bracelet back on her arm so the negro could not get hold of it. He then knocked her down to the floor and brute like, kicked her in the side, after which he left the office and no trace of him had been found up to 6 o'clock.

There was lodged in jail at this well several hours later a negro who, if he is not the one who brutally choked and kicked Miss Roxie Bruce when she, by her presence of mind in using the telephone, frustrated his bold attempt to rob the office of Lacy Brothers, brokers, on Bluefield avenue about 3:30 o'clock yesterday, is at least believed to have some connection with the case. He is John Gray, alias John Bull, of Graham, and as soon as Miss Bruce has sufficiently recovered from her injuries, and the great nervous strain to which she has been subjected, she will be asked to identify him, as well as any others who may be suspected.

Over Federal Patronage in
Indiana at a Taft
Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 23.—President Taft today had conferences with Representative Crum-packer and former Senator Hemenway, of Indiana, regarding the federal patronage of that state. It is said that as a compromise between the Beveridge faction on the one side and Hemenway-Watson on the other. The president has decided to appoint Merrill Moore, of Indianapolis, as United States marshal and Edwin M. Lee, collector of internal revenue.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 23.—"I don't expect to accept the office of United States marshal for Indiana if it is offered to me," was the statement Merrill Moore, is said to have made, when shown a Washington dispatch. "I don't want the office and I wish they would quit considering me in connection with it."

THEATER PLANS

Will Be Completed Soon and
Bids Received for the
Building Work.

Architects Holmboe and Lafferty are busily engaged on plans for the projected Moore opera house on Fourth street. They will complete them within ten days and within three weeks bids will be received for its construction. It is the intention to have the house completed in time for the opening of the next theatrical season and Messrs. Robinson and Moore will make bookings with that in view.